Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 20 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 21 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 19 Nov 2021 at 15:13 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for transition to colder, brighter weather during Saturday morning, continuing on Sunday with snow showers dying out. Also high confidence for mainly dry, cloudier, less cold weather on Monday and Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 20 Nov 2021: Dull, wet start, becoming drier, brighter during the morning. Sunshine and showers in afternoon turning increasingly wintry. Feeling bitterly cold on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 20 Nov 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
50%	50%	60%	40%	60%	60%	60%	50%

Forecast for Saturday 20 Nov 2021

Weather: Persistent heavier rain extending southwards to all parts overnight and at first on Saturday. Rain turning to snow above 900m before clearing southwards during the morning. Then much brighter with sunshine and blustery showers. The showers turning to snow above about 700m and becoming more frequent, heavier in the evening, especially over north Highlands.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance at first, improving 50% later in morning.

Visibility: Poor first part of morning due to rain and clouds well down the hills. Visibility improving good from the north later in the morning with clouds lifting and breaking up. There will be marked deteriorations to very poor visibility during afternoon and evening as wintry showers pass by and clouds lowering to 600m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	44/55 SW	43/54 SW	26/34 NW	32/41 W	32/42 W	32/41 NW	31/40 NW	27/36 NW	30/40 N
900	41/52 SW	40/51 SW	24/32 NW	31/40 W	30/40 W	30/39 NW	29/38 NW	26/34 NW	28/37 N
600	29/40 SW	29/40 SW	17/25 W	22/31 W	21/31 W	20/30 NW	20/29 NW	18/27 NW	18/28 N
300	9/37 SW	10/38 SW	7/24 NW	10/31 W	9/31 W	10/31 NW	10/29 NW	10/27 NW	9/28 N
Glen	17/34 SW	18/36 SW	10/20 W	13/26 W	15/28 W	14/27 NW	14/27 NW	12/24 NW	13/29 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/-2	4/-3	3/-3	2/-6	0/-8	-1/-9	-1/-10	-1/-9	-2/-11
900	6/-1	5/-2	4/-2	2/-5	1/-7	0/-8	-0/-8	-1/-8	-2/-10
600	7/2	7/2	6/1	4/-1	3/-2	3/-3	2/-4	2/-4	1/-5
300	9/7	8/6	8/6	7/4	6/3	5/2	4/1	4/0	3/-0
Glen	11/8	11/8	10/8	9/6	9/5	8/5	7/4	7/3	6/2
Freezing Level*	2100m	2000m	1600m	1200m	1000m	900m	800m	800m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Difficult walking conditions with strong winds and temperatures falling close to or even below freezing. Conditions exacerbated by the wet weather at first then wintry showers.

Forecast for Sunday 21 Nov 2021

Weather: A much drier and brighter but cold day across the Northwest Highland area. Still some showers at first, falling as snow down to 400m, mainly in north of area, gradually dying out, otherwise dry with sunny spells.

Maximum wind: Northerly winds with average speeds of 20 to 25mph and gusts 35mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%.

Visibility: Air will have great clarity resulting in excellent visibility with patchy cloud cover about 700m. There will be brief interruptions during the morning to very poor visibility as snow showers pass by, with cloud bases lowering to 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising briefly to 7 Celsius before falling again towards dusk.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius rising to Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 500m lifting to 900m in the afternoon.

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